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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO NOMINATE MR. AL BATTASHI, DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, FOR MULTI-
REGIONAL PROJECT ON ENERGY ISSUES. BATTASHI, NOW SERVING AS
ACTING DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM, IS ONE OF OUR IV NOMINEES FOR
FY 77 AND HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT.
WE WILL SEND FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT BATTASHI'S PROGRAM PREFER-
ENCES AT A LATER DATE.

2. BATTASHI, AN AMBITIOUS, ENERGETIC MAN IN HIS LATE TWENTIES,
WAS BORN IN TANZANIA AND HAS RECEIVED SECONDARY EDUCATION
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. HE JOINED THE MINISTRY OF PET-
ROLEUM, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND MINERALS IN SEPTEMBER 1974;
SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN GIVEN INCREASING RESPONSIBILITIES
BEYOND HIS SPECIALTIES OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING. HE IS
MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. BATTASHI HAS AN EXCELLENT COMMAND
OF ENGLISH, IS PRO-AMERICAN, AND GETS ALONG WELL WITH WESTER-
NERS. (HE IS PARTICULARLY INFLUENCED BY TETRA TECH AMCIT
ADVISERS TO THE PETROLEUM MINISTRY.) BATTASHI HAS PLAYED A
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STRONG ROLE IN PRICING AND TAX NEGOTIATIONS WITH SHELL BUT
NEEDS TO IMPROVE HIS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS
OF THE OIL BUSINESS.
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